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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed August 22, 2003, Species VII, which is indicated as including in Fig. 15, is provisionally elected for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-17, 23-28, 32, 34, 35, and 37 are directed to this species. It is respectfully noted that claim 28 is directed to a tool holder with a plurality of second support members, which would otherwise not be covered by an particular figure, and the disclosure makes clear that the Fig. 15 embodiment is included in the scope of claim 28.

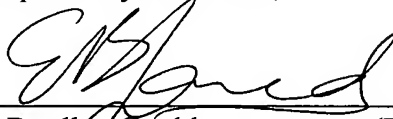
Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuing applications to protect the inventions of the other disclosed subject matter prior to the issuance of this application. The election requirement is transversed, however, because at least Species VI and VIII would not present a previous burden for searching in addition to provisionally elected Species VII.

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Respectfully submitted,

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